

9204

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY:

Complainant Information:Date: 5/17/13Name: [REDACTED]Address: [REDACTED]City, State, Zip: RANTOUL, IL 61866County: CHAMPAIGNHome Telephone Number: [REDACTED]Work Telephone Number: [REDACTED]Cellular Telephone Number: [REDACTED]E-mail Address: [REDACTED]**Complaint Information:**Date of incident: 5/16/13Time of Incident: MID AFTERNOONApplicator type involved (check one): ☐ Commercial Company; ☒ Farmer; ☐ Homeowner; ☐ OtherName of applicator (if known): [REDACTED]Company Name (if known): [REDACTED]Address: [REDACTED]Telephone Number: [REDACTED]County: [REDACTED]Method of application (please check): ☒ Ground or ☐ Aerial; ☐ Liquid spray or ☐ GranularWeather information: WIND FROM THE SOUTHChemical involved (if known): PESTISIDE ON CORN

Specific nature of the complaint: FARMERS PLANT CORN WITH A PESTISIDE ON IT AND IN ORDER FOR THE CORN TO GO THROUGH THEIR PLANTER THERE IS A TALE POWDER INJECTED INTO THE PLANTER TO HELP THE CORN SLIDE THROUGH THE PLANTER. THE POWDER PICKS UP THE PESTISIDE OFF THE CORN AND GETS BLOWN IN THE AIR AND DRIFTS IN THE WIND. THIS DRIFTED TO MY BEE HIVES AND NOW I HAVE PILES OF DEAD BEES IN FRONT OF MY HIVES.

(If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form)

Signature: [REDACTED]Date: 5/17/13**Witness Information (other than complainant):**Name: [REDACTED]Telephone number: [REDACTED]Address: [REDACTED]RANTOUL IL 61866

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This State Agency is requesting disclosure of information that is necessary to accomplish the statutory purpose as outlined under the 415 ILCS 50-1 through 28. Failure to provide this information shall prevent this form from being processed. This form has been approved by the State Fore Management Center IL-406-1280 (1-99)

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY:

9231

Complainant Information:

Date:

5/15/13

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip: MAIRIE PARK IL 60151

County: KANE

Home Telephone Number:

Work Telephone Number:

Cellular Telephone Number:

E-mail Address:

2013 JUN -3 4 10:20
RECEIVED

Complaint Information:

Date of Incident: 5/8/2013

Time of Incident:

4PM (DISCOVERED)

Applicator type involved (check one): ☐ Commercial Company; ☒ Farmer; ☐ Homeowner; ☐ Other

Name of applicator (if known): STEVE RUA

Company Name (if known):

Address: 772 WILD GINGER ROAD SUBTIZ GROVE IL 60554

Telephone Number: (630) 466-3854

County:

KANE

Method of application (please check): ☐ Ground or ☐ Aerial; ☐ Liquid spray or ☐ Granular

Weather information: ATTACHED

Chemical involved (if known): NEONICOTINOID INSECTICIDE

Specific nature of the complaint: Planted south of our apple orchard with south breeze. Warned Mr. Rua of potential risk to our bee population. Two hours later we had substantial bee death.

(SEE ATTACHED)

(If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form)

Signature

Date:

5/15/2013

Witness Information (other than complainant):

Name:

Telephone number:

Address:

MAIRIE PARK IL 60151

#9237

Wednesday 05/08/2013 at approximately 9:45 AM I spoke with Steve Ruh regarding my concerns about using a vacuum planter to plant corn directly south of my orchard. Informed him of the problem we witnessed in 2012 and what we suspected to be the cause. Explained to him about the concern with neonicotinoids from corn seed and the potential risks to the bee populations. He stated that he understood but did not have any other field ready that he could move his planting operations to.

At 4:00 PM that evening I checked the bee hives in the orchard and found that each one had large amounts of bees directly in front of the hives in various stages of dying. I then informed Steve Ruh of my findings at 4:15 PM.

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY:

9247

SAME COMPLAINT
As # 9237

Complainant Information:

Date: 6-1-13

Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
City, State, Zip: Harvard, IL 60033
County: McHenry
Home Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
Work Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
Cellular Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

RECEIVED
JUN 10 AM 10:01

Complaint Information:

Date of Incident: App. 5-12-13 Time of Incident: AM
Applicator type involved (check one): ☐ Commercial Company; ☒ Farmer; ☐ Homeowner; ☐ Other
Name of applicator (if known): Steve Ruh
Company Name (if known):
Address: 772 Wild Ginger Road
Sugar Grove, IL 60554
Telephone Number: County:

Method of application (please check): ☐ Ground or ☐ Aerial; ☐ Liquid spray or ☐ Granular

Weather information: Nice Sunny + warm

Chemical involved (if known): corn dust

Specific nature of the complaint: Farmer continued planting after toxic cloud was formed + drifting into orchard where bees were pollinating. Farmer refused to delay planting which was causing the toxic cloud. Piles of dead bees were seen outside of the 52 hives involved within hours of the cloud forming.

(If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form)

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 6-1-13

Witness Information (other than complainant):

Name: [REDACTED] Telephone number: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Maple Park, IL 60151

9254

Frank, Scott

From: Star, David [star.david@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 4:59 PM
To: Goetsch, Warren; Frank, Scott
Cc: Anhalt, Heather; Calvo, Estrella; Jones, Margaret
Subject: FW: (FIFRA - FY13-107003-3710-CV) Referred to Region - Illinois

Warren and Scott:

A "Bee Kill" incident ... IDA should investigate from the perspective of an uncertified commercial applicator, in accordance with Illinois' FIFRA Section 11 accepted State Plan and Section 26 primacy.

Thanks.

David Star

Chief, Pesticides & Toxics Compliance Section
Chemicals Management Branch
U.S. EPA Region 5 - Chicago
312-886-6009 (telephone)
312-692-2536 (facsimile)



From: howard.donna@epa.gov [mailto:howard.donna@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 4:47 PM
To: Star, David
Subject: FWD: (FIFRA - FY13-107003-3710-CV) Referred to Region - Illinois

06/13/2013

SUBJECT: FWD: (FIFRA - FY13-107003-3710-CV) Referred to Region - Illinois
FROM: howard.donna@epa.gov
TO: Star.David@epa.gov
CC:

-----Original Message-----

5/31/2013 2:18 PM

HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY13-107003-3710-CV

SUBJECT: Referred to Region - Illinois

FROM: [REDACTED]

TO:

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: St. Charles

State: Illinois

Zip: 60175

Phone: [REDACTED]

Alleged Violator's Name: Frank - Authentic Homes Roofing

Alleged Violator's Address: 8714 Oakwood Dr

Alleged Violator's City: Village of Lakewood

Alleged Violator's State: Illinois

Alleged Violator's Zip: 60014

Tip or Complaint: Incident took place this morning at about 8:00 am. 11 Brookfield Drive, Geneva, IL Construction worker sprayed 4 cans of Hot Shot / Raid into a honey-bee colony. This resulted in destruction of the colony, brood and honey stores. Colony was in the process of being relocated by a trained beekeeper. (Me) The extermination was performed by the worker with out the homeowners permission. The worker admitted it was intentional, that he knew they were honey bees, and that his boss had directed him to "Take Care of the Problem." At the time of the spraying, the homeowners were unaware that the construction company had decided to take this action. In fact, when they heard noises outside, they had to scream at the worker to get him to stop spraying. I have video footage of work being done to remove the colony, and still photos of the empty insecticide cans, along with the dead hive.

Specific Directions: residence at 11 Brookfield Drive, Geneva, IL

Violation Still Occurring? No

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Illinois
Department of
Agriculture

9254

Bureau of Environmental Programs

State Fairgrounds · P.O. Box 19281 · Springfield, IL 62794-281 · 217/785-2427 (voice/TYY) · Fax 217/5244882
Pesticide Misuse Hotline 1-800-641-3934 (voice/TYY)

July 23, 2013

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

The Department has completed its investigation into your complaint concerning the possible misuse of a pesticide. During an inspection, the Department's representative did ascertain that a violation of the Illinois Pesticide Act occurred during the application of a pesticide.

Since there was a violation, as a result of a pesticide application, an enforcement action was pursued by the Department under the Illinois Pesticide Act. This resulted in a Warning Letter being issued to Mr. Frank Kroupa, 8714 Oakwood Drive, Village of Lakewood, IL 60014.

I appreciate your concern about the Illinois environment and the proper use of pesticides. It is our goal to both ensure the proper use of pesticide products as well as protect the environment we all depend upon. Thank you for your concern, assistance and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



Warren D. Goetsch, P.E.
Bureau Chief

cc: 089-35-13-9254
Kris Smrekar
Mark Cinnamon



Illinois Department of Agriculture

9254

Bureau of Environmental Programs

State Fairgrounds • P.O. Box 19281 • Springfield, IL 62794-9281 • 217/785-2427 (voice/TDD) • Fax 217/524-4882
Pesticide Misuse Hotline 1-800-641-3934 (voice/TDD)

WARNING LETTER *Illinois Pesticide Act*

July 23, 2013

Mr. Frank Kroupa
8714 Oakwood Drive
Village of Lakewood, IL 60014

Dear Mr. Kroupa:

This letter is a formal warning that you have violated Section 14 (1)(D) of the Illinois Pesticide Act (415 ILCS 60/14 (1)(D)) in that you applied the pesticide Ultra-Kill Wasp & Hornet Spray in violation of the label directions.

On July 5, 2012, a representative of the Illinois Department of Agriculture conducted an investigation in Geneva, Illinois concerning the possible misuse of a pesticide. The Department's investigation has revealed that Ultra-Kill Wasp & Hornet Spray was applied in violation of the label directions. This product was used to kill honey bees while honey bees are not listed on the Ultra-Kill Wasp & Hornet Spray label as a target pest.

This warning letter will remain on file with the Department for three years and will be utilized in the assessing of points for any future violations of the Illinois Pesticide Act (415 ILCS 60/1 *et seq.*). If future violations are found, appropriate action will be taken as authorized by the aforementioned Act. Pursuant to the Department's Administrative Rules (8 Ill. Admin. Code 1.200 *et seq.*), you have the right to appeal the issuance of this Warning Letter by filing a petition with the Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, feel free to contact Mr. Scott Frank or me at 217-785-2427.

Sincerely,

Warren D. Goetsch, P.E.
Bureau Chief

cc: 089-35-13-9254
Kris Smrekar
Mark Cinnamon